

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A training device ~~(1)~~ for golf swings ~~comprised of~~ comprising first and second at least one guide ring (2, 3) rings arranged ~~on~~ in a mounting device at least partly spaced from one another and extending in a plane extending inclined in relation to the ~~vertical~~, ~~characterized in that provision is made for two guide rings (2, 3) arranged and approximately in the same plane, and received in a mounting device (4) at least partly spaced from one another~~ horizontal, whereby the ~~two~~ first and second guide rings ~~(2, 3)~~ have an approximately ellipsoidal and self-contained shape, ~~whereby and are provided for a golf club is placeable on the first and second guide to contact said rings and guidable along an ideal line for a golf swing;~~

wherein each guide ring has a respective guiding surface

that guides to one side of said plane, the guide rings being freely accessible from said one side.

Claims 2-5 (canceled).

Claim 6 (currently amended): The training apparatus according to claim 5 1, wherein the ~~two~~ first and second guide rings ~~(2, 3)~~ are otherwise mounted freely suspended at an angle of inclination relative to the horizontal corresponding with the angle of response (A) of the golf club ~~(6)~~.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The training apparatus according to claim 3 1, wherein a golf club ~~(6)~~ guided past the ~~two~~ guide rings ~~(2, 3)~~ leads to noticeable contact.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The training apparatus for golf swings according to claim 4 1, wherein the mounting device ~~(4) consists of~~ comprises a pedestal arranged at an adjustable angle relative to the vertical with at least one standing foot ~~(8)~~, or has two independent standing feet ~~(8)~~ pivot-mounted for

being loosely guided by a connecting element ~~(9)~~, or limited in their mobility by a chain.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The training apparatus for golf swings according to claim 8, wherein the guide rings ~~(2, 3)~~ and the mounting device ~~(4)~~ are detachably connected with one another, and ~~particularly~~ the mounting device ~~(4)~~ can be folded together and/or the guide rings ~~(2, 3)~~ can be folded together via a hinge.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The training apparatus for golf swings according to claim 1, wherein a guide switch ~~(20)~~ is arranged on the guide rings ~~(2, 3)~~ for lifting off the golf club sliding past said guide rings from said guide rings ~~(2, 3)~~.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The training apparatus for golf swings according to claim 10, wherein the guide switch ~~(20)~~ has recesses ~~(21, 22)~~ for plugged mounting, and rests on a fastening bolt, on the one hand, and with a stop against at least one guide ring ~~(2, 3)~~ on the other.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The training apparatus for golf swings according to claim 11, wherein different mounting positions are available, ~~preferably mirror-inverted, symmetrical mounting positions.~~

Claim 13 (currently amended): The training apparatus for golf swings according to claim 1, wherein the guide rings ~~(2, 3)~~ ~~consist of~~ comprise T-profiles secured with their horizontal base on a support, said profiles guiding the golf club with the edge of the vertical base.

Claim 14 (currently amended): The training apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the guide rings ~~(2, 3)~~ ~~consist of~~ comprise T-profiles secured with their vertical base on a support and guiding the golf club with the horizontal base.

Claim 15 (currently amended): The training apparatus for golf swings according to claim 14, wherein the surface of the guide rings ~~(2, 3)~~ touching the golf club as the ~~latter~~ golf club

is swinging, are provided with a polymer coating reducing the sliding friction.

Claim 16 (currently amended): The training apparatus for golf swings according to claim 15, wherein the first guide ring is an outer guide ring ~~(2, 3)~~ has having two symmetrically arranged, trough-like deepenings ~~(27, 28)~~ deviating from the ellipsoidal shape in the upper dead center.

Claim 17 (currently amended): The training apparatus for golf swings according to claim 1, wherein provision is made for a stop element ~~(30)~~ in the upper dead center of the guide rings ~~(2, 3)~~, said stop element being pivot-mounted and secured on a crossbar ~~(31)~~; and ~~that~~ wherein the movement of the golf club, when swinging upwards, is limited by a stop ~~(34)~~ protruding into the said plane ~~of the guide ring (2, 3)~~.

Claim 18 (currently amended): The training device for golf swings according to claim 17, wherein magnets ~~(18)~~ are

arranged in the upper and/or lower areas of the guide rings ~~(2, 3)~~, or in defined segmental areas, whereby the retaining force of said magnets has to be overcome as the golf club is being guided past said magnets.

Claim 19 (currently amended): The training apparatus for golf swings according to claim 18, wherein braking surfaces are formed between the guide rings ~~(2, 3)~~ at least in an upper and/or lower area, said braking surfaces responding to the golf ball only, ~~for example~~ in the swinging direction, and ~~consisting of~~ comprising slanted bristles or rubber lips.

Claim 20 (currently amended): The training apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the guide rings ~~(2, 3)~~ have a magnetic surface or are magnetizable or fitted with magnets ~~(18)~~, said magnets pulling a metallic or magnetic field-reinforced shaft of the golf club against the guide rings ~~(2, 3)~~.

Claim 21 (currently amended): The training apparatus for

golf swings according to claim 20, wherein the ~~indifferent~~
neutral zone of the magnetized guide rings ~~(2, 3)~~ is disposed in
the plane set up by the guide rings ~~(2, 3)~~.

Claim 22 (currently amended): The training apparatus for
golf swings according to claim 21, wherein the guide rings ~~(2, 3)~~
are equipped with sensors, sensor transmitters or electrical
contact surfaces, ~~for example conductor paths~~, on the side
disposed perpendicularly to the normal of the plane, whereby the
contact surfaces are divisible in individual sectors, and an
electronic evaluation of the swing can be carried out.

Claims 23-25 (canceled)

Claim 26 (currently amended): The training apparatus for
golf swings according to claim 9, wherein the mounting device ~~(4)~~
and/or the guide rings ~~(2, 3)~~ are made of wood, a polymeric
material, a composite material, or of metal.

Claim 27 (currently amended): The training apparatus for golf swings according to claim 26, wherein the guide rings ~~(2, 3)~~ ~~consist of~~ comprise a tubular profile, a T-profile, an H-profile, an L-profile, a semi-cup profile, or an X-profile.